

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN REVIEW OF
CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION

Introduction

On July 6, 2010, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) received a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) individual permit application for a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) from Brent Martin, of Martin Dairy in Elkhart County. Martin Dairy currently operates under a general NPDES CAFO permit but is converting to an individual permit. The application was submitted to comply with both the NPDES CAFO Permit Rule and the Indiana Confined Feeding Control Law. Notice is hereby given that IDEM is opening a comment period on the draft individual permit.

Application Details

The Martin Dairy facility is an existing dairy operation consisting of seven confinement barns, concrete lots/ loafing areas, a calf hut confinement area, manure/process wastewater storage structures, milk parlor, holding barn and offices. A submitted application details an expansion to the operation to construct a concrete silage pad extension, additional manure/ process wastewater storage structures and a vegetative filter/ buffer strip management area for the calf hut confinement area. The operation will confine a total of 600 milking cows, 80 dry cows, 60 dairy heifers, and 305 dairy calves.

The facility must be constructed and operated in accordance with the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Rule's (327 IAC 5-4-3 and 327 IAC 15-15) and Indiana's Confined Feeding Operation Rule (327 IAC 16).

Public Review and Comment

The draft permit is available for review on IDEM's agency's web site at: <http://www.IN.gov/idem>, in our virtual file cabinet section of the online services. Search under the document search feature followed by CFO/CAFO program type and finally by the farm identification number 1018, for Martin Dairy. You may also review a hard copy of the application and supporting documents in IDEM's public file room on the 12th floor of the Indiana Government Center-North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis Indiana 46204, during normal working hours.

Comments should be technical comments, which addresses compliance with 327 IAC 5-4-3, 327 and IAC 15-15. Citizens should be reminded that some issues (odor, potential devalued property, and traffic concerns) are not within IDEM's jurisdiction. Rather, they are local zoning issues. Persons presenting comments are requested to submit one written copy of the comment and submit it to IDEM within 30 days after the publication of this notice to:

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Concerns will be summarized and a document will be drafted in which a response will be given for each concern. A copy of the responsiveness summary will be mailed to each person who submits written comment if a complete, legible address is provided to IDEM with the comment.

Further Information

For further information please call Daniel Bruggen (317)-233-3554, Dennis Lasiter (317)-232-8732 or Jerome Rud (317)-232-7200.